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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 0570

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, NP

SUBJ: FAA AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING

REF: STATE 9965

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR TO SEEK REVIEWL OF NEGATIVE DECISION CONVEYED PER REFTEL ON PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR ONE NEPALESE PARTICIPANT AT FAA AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING IN OKLAHOMA CITY. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT FUNDING WAS THE PROBLEM, BUT SAID HE WOULD FORWARD RENEWED REQUEST WITH POSITION RECOMMENDATION.

2. NEPAL, AS VICTIM COUNTRY OF ONE HIJACKING, IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED AT GENERAL PROBLEM OF AIRCRAFT SECURITY. THERE HAVE BEEN, FURTHERMORE, RECENT INDICATIONS THAT KATHMANDU MAY NO LONGER BE OFF THE BEATEN TRACK OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS WHO COULD EITHER SEIZE AIRCRAFT OR SECURE AIRPORT FOR ESCAPE FOLLOWING TERRORIST ACT IN KATHMANDU. HMG OFFICIALS CONCERNED REALIZE THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO NATIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT IN THIS REGARD AND HOPE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM US AS LEADER IN THIS FIELD. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY REALIZES DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING FUNDS, EVEN IN AN AMOUNT AS SMALL AS THE \$1100 REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, HMG FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND TURN-DOWN OF REQUEST IN VIEW OF PAST PRACTICE BY VIRTUALLY ALL US AGENCIES TO FUND TRAVEL TO US FOR TRAINING.

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3. IF FAA FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, IS THERE

POSSIBILITY THAT CABINET COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM COULD FUND
COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FROM BANGKOK OR NEW DELHI
TO US PORT OF ENTRY? AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT POOR STATE
OF SECURITY AT KATHMANDU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT JUSTIFIES
US ASSISTANCE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. ADVISE.
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